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Please enter the following amendment prior to examination of the present application.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

After the TITLE, and before the BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION,
please add the following:

A1 STATEMENT REGARDING FEDERALLY SPONSORED RESEARCH &
DEVELOPMENT

[0001] The government has rights in this invention pursuant to Contract No. N00019-98-C-0007 awarded by the Department of the Navy.

REMARKS

Subsequent to entry of the foregoing amendment, Claims 1 - 20 will be pending in this application.



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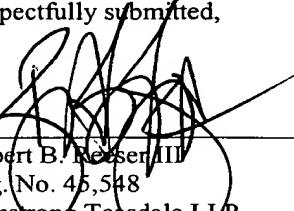
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STATUS

2. Applicant
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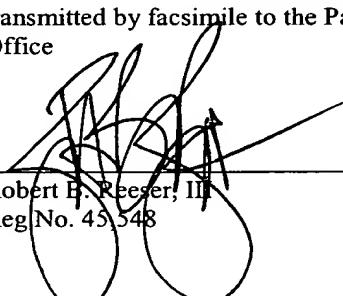
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EXTENSION OF TERM

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply.

(complete (a) or (b), as applicable)

(a) Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136
(Fees: 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)-(d) for the total number of months checked below:)

Extension for response within:	Other than small entity Fee	Small entity Fee (if applicable)
first month	\$ 110.00	\$ 55.00
second month	\$ 400.00	\$ 200.00
third month	\$ 920.00	\$ 460.00
fourth month	\$1,440.00	\$ 720.00
fifth month	\$1,960.00	\$ 980.00

Fee: _____ \$ _____

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

(Check and complete the next item, if applicable)

An extension of _____ months has already been secured. The fee paid therefor \$_____ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Extension fee due with this request \$ _____.

OR

(b) Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

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FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

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CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR		PRESENT EXTRA		ADDITIONAL RATE FEE		ADDITIONAL RATE FEE	
TOTAL		MINUS		=		x \$9 =	\$	x \$18 =	\$
INDEP.		MINUS		=		x \$42 =	\$	x \$84 =	\$
— FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM						+ \$130 =	\$	+ \$280 =	\$
						TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE \$	OR	TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE \$	

(a) No additional fee for Claims is required

OR

(b) Total additional fee for claims required \$

FEE PAYMENT

5. Attached is a check in the sum of \$_____

Charge Deposit Account No. 01-2384 the sum of \$_____.
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FEE DEFICIENCY

6. If any additional extension and/or fee is required, charge Deposit Account No. 01-2384.

AND/OR

If any additional fee for claims is required, charge Deposit Account No. 01-2384.

7. Other:


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